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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM

1. FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE PARA
5 REF A CONCERNING DOD PROGRAMS FOR POSSIBLE USE IN YOUR
DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM.

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2. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM WE WOULD HOPE TO CONTINUE TO

AVOID CREATING IMPRESSION OF DIRECT QUID CONTEXT BETWEEN OUR PRESENCE AT KENITRA COMPLEX AND OUR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE LEVELS. DEPENDING ON HOW SUBJECT OF U.S. PRESENCE WAS TREATED, IF AT ALL, BY SECRETARY AND KING NOVEMBER 5 AND 6, YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REF B THAT IF U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE POSES POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT FOR KING WE PREPARED TO CHANGE PRESENCE AS NECESSARY. YOU MAY WISH TO INDICATE READINESS LISTEN TO ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS KING MAY HAVE REGARDING PRESENCE.

3. AS INDICATED REF C, WHILE WE PREFER APPROACH OF LISTENING TO GOM NEEDS AND DESIRES WITHOUT INDICATING FUTURE ASSISTANCE THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, YOU AUTHORIZED AT YOUR DISCRETION USE FOLLOWING:

4. USN SHIP. NAVY PREPARED TO SELL TWO PCF TYPE PATROL CRAFT (SWIF BOATS) FOR DOLS. 150,000 EACH, PLUS TWO-YEAR SUPPORT PACKAGE (SPARE PARTS FOR BOTH CRAFT) FOR ABOUT DOLS. 50,000. THESE EXCELLENT CRAFT, CURRENTLY BEING OPERATED BY U.S. NAVY AND CONSIDERED IN GOOD CONDITION. CHARACTERISTICS: DISPLACEMENT - 22 TONS; DIMENSIONS - 50 X 13 X 5 FT; ENGINE - TWO-GEARED GM DIESELS; ARMAMENT - ONE 81MM MORTAR AND TWO 50 CAL; CREW - 1 OFFICER AND 5 ENLISTED. SHIPS AVAILABLE ON U.S. WEST COAST FOR INSPECTION PRIOR GOM FINAL DECISION. TRANSFER COULD BE EFFECTED NEXT SUMMER. NAVY REGRETS NO DESTROYER ESCORT TYPE SHIP AVAILABLE AND NO WAY FORECAST FUTURE AVAILABILITY IF YOU BELIEVE APPROPRIATE, YOU MAY WISH ASSURE GOM THAT ITS REQUEST FOR LARGER SHIP WILL BE GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY CONSIDERATION IF APPROPRIATE SHIP BECOMES AVAILABLE. ALSO, YOU MAY WISH INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS RESURRECT PREVIOUS OFFER OF NEW CONSTRUCTION PG TYPE PATROL CRAFT FOR DOLS. 8-9 MILLION EACH. GOM CANCELLED CONTRACT SHORTLY AFTER 72 COUP ATTEMPT.

5. FUTURE FMS CREDIT. YOU AUTHORIZED INDICATE WILLINGNESS TRY TO MAINTAIN FMS CREDIT LEVELS AT DOLS. 12-15 MILLION ANNUALLY, SUBJECT FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM CONGRESS. FYI: PLANNED LEVEL FOR FY 74 IS DOLS.

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12 MILLION AND DOLS. 12 MILLION FOR FY 75. END FYI. YOU MAY WISH INDICATE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF GOM WOULD IDENTIFY FUTURE REQUIREMENTS IN PRIORITY ORDER TO AVOID DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS AS EXPERIENCED IN FY 72 AND 73 PROGRAMS AND PG AND 205 HELICOPTER CANCELLATIONS.

6. DOD CONCURS. RUSH

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